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Sikkema Honors Rockford High School Boys Basketball Team

Rockford Rams cap unbeaten season with Class A Title

LANSING – Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, today honored the Rockford High School Boys Basketball Team for winning the Michigan High School Athletic Association’s Class A State Championship by presenting them with a Senate Tribute at the Michigan State Capitol.

“I am extremely proud of the Rockford High School Boys Basketball Team whose record for the past two years is 50-1,” Sikkema said. “Coach Steve Majerle and the Rockford Rams should be proud of their Class A State Championship Title and even more proud of the 3.65 average grade point of the entire team.”

The Rockford Rams beat Flint Carman-Ainsworth by a score of 41-38, to win the Class A state title on Saturday, March 22 at the Breslin Center of Michigan State University. The game was the lowest scoring Class A state championship match since Lansing Sexton beat Benton Harbor in 1945.

The Rockford High School Varsity Team was led to victory by Coach Steve Majerle, and assistant coaches Ryan DeKuiper and Jared Redell.

The following Rockford Rams earned the distinction of being the 2003 Class A State Champions:

Alexander Briggs	Kyle Mahoney	Michael Steinebach
James Case	Luke Owens	Bradlee VanDyke
Bradley Chrisman	Drew Powell	Joel Visser
David DeHaan	Michael Redell	Nick Wending
Ryan DeHaan	Andrew Ruddick	Kevin Wurn
Robert Douglas	Mark Russell	

The Rockford High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team finished with a 24-0 season. The Rams are only the second team in Michigan basketball history to win a Class A state title undefeated.

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Note: Audio comments from Senator Sikkema on Rockford High School’s Class A State Championship are available on the Michigan Senate Hotline at (517) 373-4000 or online at the Michigan Senate Republican Audiowire located at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/audiowire>.

Downloadable photographs of Senator Sikkema and the Rockford High School Basketball Team are available on the Senate Majority Photowire at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire>.

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